

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): We have seen in the Sindh Council that when adjournment motions were put to be discussed in the Council sitting, copies were published in the newspapers. Therefore, we are told that we are in order in reading it and sending it to the press, so that the matter may at least be agitated.

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Demise of Messrs. K. M. Subramania Ayyar and A. K. Vengu Ayyar

*** Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development):** Sir, I beg leave to move the following motions.—(1) *"This Council places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar, for some time a nominated member of this Council."*

(2) *"This Council also places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar, who was a nominated member of this Council for some time."*

It devolves upon me again to move these condolence resolutions, and no work is more unpleasant to me than to get up at every session and to move these resolutions.

Mr. Subramania Ayyar is very well known to all of you; he is generally affectionately known as Venu Ayyar, and he started his career at the Ernakulam Bar under the distinguished lawyer Mr. Doraswami Ayyar. By gradual stages he built up a practice when he found an opening in the Government service and was appointed as a Magistrate. From this first step, he gradually worked himself up and he kept various places culminating his career as the District Judge and finally as the Excise Commissioner—Head of a Department. Mr. Subramania Ayyar is known for his humour, and his free and easy manners, and even in courts of law the tedious atmosphere existing there has been much relieved by his humour. Though very humorous, yet he was an efficient and excellent judge. From all reports I have heard, his decisions were marked with vision and consistency and also with legal erudition. He, as the Head of a Department, also has served the Government very faithfully and satisfactorily and at a later stage, when it was time for him to retire, it was thought that he would be of immense use to the public for some years to come. During this period, he has served on various non-official bodies as a responsible member especially in connection with war work. But unfortunately, a serious attack of illness supervened and he passed away suddenly.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

I am sure this House will agree with me when I say that he had served well both the people and His Highness the Maharaja for more than thirty years as a loyal and efficient officer of the State.

Mr. Vengu Ayyar also rose from a very humble position; therefore all the greater credit to his career. He began as a clerk and gradually occupied the great position as the Superintendent of Devaswoms and culminated his career as Secretary to the Diwan. Mr. Vengu Ayyar also, towards the close of his career, became a very religious man, a very enthusiastic worker in selected social fields. I am sure his loss also will be very much felt both by the people and the Government.

I am sure the House will agree with me in recording the sense of deep sorrow at the demise of these two distinguished gentlemen and the loyal subjects of His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Sir, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments of sorrow expressed by the Hon'ble Minister on the demise of the two illustrious citizens of the State. Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar is so well known to the Cochin public as a very efficient government servant that all people have necessarily to feel sorry on his demise. He was one of those officers who transformed the taxing burdens of his office into a bed of roses by his jovial habits, and I may say it will not be incorrect if we say of him that he has laughed out the burdens of his office without any prejudice to his efficiency. His wide experience of men and matters has stood by him in good stead in the discharge of his duties, so much so that when witnesses were examined in the court, he could very easily sift truth from falsehood. I think the bar would never have felt tedious in his court. His loss is very great and especially so since after his retirement he was attempting to take an active part in the public life of Cochin. But unfortunately, Providence called him back. It is only the fate of Cochin that we could not take advantage for a long time of his great services as a public man.

I am also sure that the demise of Mr. Vengu Ayyar is a matter of deep regret to the people of the State. I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Minister on the sad demise of Mr. Vengu Ayyar.

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Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Sir, on behalf of the Cochin Congress Party, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments of sorrow expressed by our Minister. I was here at the time when Mr. Vengu Ayyar was in this House. In the beginning of this

institution in Cochin, Mr. Vengu Ayyar was one of those bureaucratic officers who had been always pulled and pulled to go into line with democratic institutions of Cochin State, and we had many a tug. But the one great feature that he exhibited was that he took everything in the spirit in which we delivered it, and the cordiality with which we moved always remained in the same degree.

As for Mr. Subramania Ayyar, we were colleagues at the bar and I feel the loss of a personal friend. He has been always jovial at the bar. Circumstances made him seek office; otherwise he would have been far more worthy a man in public life than he had been in the services. He was one of the hardest worked officers in the State who had to deal with some of the biggest cases in Cochin, and the way in which he patiently laboured to get through the great Excise Case is a standing record of his ability, his patience and the laborious way of his life that made him devote his entire attention to any matter that he handled. I do not think that people of Cochin do want any words of mine to be reminded of Mr. Subramania Ayyar. Mr. Subramania Ayyar is gone, but he left his son into the service and we are sure that the son will follow the footsteps of his father and that he will also come up well. He has been a very good friend, a good judge and a devoted officer of His Highness' Government, and I pray that his soul may rest in peace.

Mr. President: I wish to associate myself with the tributes that have been paid to the two distinguished citizens of the State who have passed away, and it will be my duty as President of the House to convey to the members of the bereaved families the deep sense of sorrow which the members of this House feel about the loss the State has sustained in their demise. I request hon'ble members to stand in their seats and pass these motions.

Motions passed, all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

ELECTIONS TO THE ROAD BOARD

Mr. President: I have to announce that the nomination papers for the election of three members of the Legislative Council for the new Road Board will be received by the Secretary to the Council before 5 p.m. to-day and that election will be held at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

BILLS ASSENTED TO OR DISALLOWED BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA— ANNOUNCEMENT OF

Secretary to the Council: Sir, under S. O. 5 (2), I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has been